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'Strangely beautiful, beautifully strange'

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By Cliff Bellamy

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DURHAM – Want to see an alternative version of what happened to Marilyn Monroe in 1962? Canadian filmmaker Brian MacDonald provides it in "Murder and UFOs," a roughly 20-minute film starring Monroe, Jack and Robert Kennedy, mobster Sam Giancana, and aliens.

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MacDonald uses footage principally from Monroe's films, Kennedy documentaries, and "Star Trek" to tell a darkly humorous story that may top previous conspiracy theories. (It took Oliver Stone more than two hours to tell his version.)

MacDonald's film "Murder and UFOs" is one of many short films that will screen at this year's Strange Beauty Film Festival, which begins Thursday at Manbites Dog Theatre. The festival organizers require that film submissions be "strangely beautiful, beautifully strange, or some combination thereof." Festival organizers Jim Haverkamp and Joyce Ventimiglia pick a wide range of films that include fiction, documentary, animation and experimental works.

Some of the shorts can be enjoyed for their purely visual appeal. Deron Williams in "American Discotheque Number One" plays with light, with the soundtrack of Michael Jackson's "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough." Jodie Mack's film "Unsubscribe #4: The Saddest Song in the World" uses rapid animation and collage to create shape-shifting effects.

Lyn Eliot's "Another Dress, Another Button," is a stop-motion animation in which the filmmaker muses on why we keep spare items like buttons.

Two documentaries from Durham filmmakers draw on Southern culture and history. D.L. Anderson's "Mr. Percy's Run" looks at the legend of Joshua Percy Flowers of Johnston County, whom The Saturday Evening Post declared the "king of the moonshiners." In his many years in the business, he escaped numerous indictments. Law enforcement officials and residents who knew Flowers tell the story of a crafty operator who had a Robin Hood type of reputation.

Josh Gibson pays tribute to kudzu in "Kudzu Vine." Shot in black and white, this film explores the history and uses of this plant. It was introduced in the South as a means of erosion control. Considered a nuisance by some, subjects interviewed in this film trumpet its usefulness: The leaves can be fried into tasty crisps, and it can be ground to make paper.

Here are some other festival highlights:

-- Tom Whiteside, who presents free screenings in Durham Central Park in the summer, will present "Filmstory.2," on three different screens. Whiteside writes of this presentation: "With a touch of spectacle and a big dose of distraction, it is, ultimately, about how we watch motion pictures."

-- Wendy Spitzer and Billy Sugarfix will perform an original score that Spitzer composed for the 1921

animated silent film "Dream of the Rarebit Fiend: The Pet," by filmmaker Winsor McKay.

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WHAT: Third annual Strange Beauty Film Festival

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 16, and Friday, Feb. 17, at 8:15 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 3:15 and 8:15 p.m.

WHERE: Manbites Dog Theater, 703 Foster St., Durham

ADMISSION: Individual tickets are \$12. To purchase, visit www.manbitesdogtheater.org

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